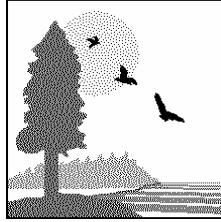


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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY / PUBLIC HEARINGS
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Pursuant to section 15085 (d), Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Project described below:

Project Title: Venoco Ellwood Marine Terminal Lease Renewal Project

Project Location: Goleta, California and the Pacific Ocean offshore of Ellwood/Goleta, Santa Barbara County, California.

Project Description: Venoco Inc (Venoco), a privately held, independent oil and gas company, is seeking approval from the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) for a new 10-year State lease (PRC 3904.1) of State-owned sovereign lands. The lease, if granted, would allow Venoco to continue operating the offshore improvements associated with the Ellwood Marine Terminal (EMT), a crude oil marine loading terminal and associated storage facility, through February 28, 2013, or for the next seven years. A new State lease would allow Venoco to continue operating the offshore improvements associated with the EMT, the associated onshore storage facility, and barge transit operations along coastal shipping routes to the Los Angeles and San Francisco Bay areas.

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (the CEQA) and is responsible for preparation of this DEIR.

The 45-day public review period for this DEIR begins July 31, 2006, and ends on September 14, 2006. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be **received by 4:00 o'clock PM PDT, Friday, September 15, 2006**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to the individual listed below:

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The CSLC encourages you to send your comments to the Project Manager listed above in MS Word format. If sending comments by e-mail, please also mail an original on any applicable letterhead to the California State Lands Commission office to ensure receipt of a clean copy.

This document, identified as CSLC EIR Number 730 and State Clearinghouse Number 2004071075, may be viewed electronically, in Word or Acrobat format, on the CSLC internet website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>. Copies of the DEIR are also available for review at the following locations:

CSLC, Attn: Peter Strait 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1956	County of Santa Barbara Energy Division, Attn: Luis Perez 123 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2000	City of Goleta Planning & Environmental Services 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B Goleta, CA 93117 (805) 961-7543
Goleta Branch Library 500 N Fairview Avenue Goleta, CA 93117-1797 (805) 964-7878	Santa Barbara Public Library 40 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 962-7653	

Public Hearing:

Pursuant to section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (the State CEQA Guidelines), the CSLC has scheduled two public meetings for receiving oral and written comments on the DEIR at:

LOCATION: Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, CA
DATE: August 30, 2006
TIME: Meetings begin at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm respectively and will continue until the conclusion of public comment.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the public meetings. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance notification of need by a deaf or hearing-impaired person. Such notice should be made as soon as possible prior to the date of the meetings to the CSLC Project Manager identified in this Notice.

Potential Significant Impacts on the Environment:

The DEIR discusses the potential for significant impacts on the environment in the following subject areas: Geological Resources; Hazards And Hazardous Materials; Air Quality; Hydrology; Water Resources and Water Quality; Marine and Coastal Biological Resources; Commercial and Recreational Fisheries; Cultural, Historical, and Paleontological Resources; Land Use, Planning, and Recreation; Public Services; Transportation and Circulation; Noise, Aesthetics/Visual Resources; Energy and Mineral Resources; Agricultural Resources; and Environmental Justice.

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